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# APWA KC Metro Chapter Newsletter



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# **President's Perspective**

In the May President's Perspective I mentioned how much rain we were getting at the time. This morning the forecast called for very little rain this week and temperatures approaching 100-degrees. Got to love the weather in the Midwest. At least the rain finally tapered off enough for many of our construction projects to get back on track.

The KC Metro Chapter has had a very busy couple of months, including hosting two of our major events – the National Public Works Week Awards Luncheon and the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual BBQ Challenge and Membership Drive. Here are a few of the highlights:

**National Public Works Week Awards Luncheon** – I want to thank Heather Bray and the National Public Works Week Committee members for organizing a great National Public Works Week Awards Luncheon this year. I've heard nothing but positive feedback on the trivia game we played. I'm glad so many people enjoyed it, so we may look to do that again in the future. I'm really glad every table got the correct answer to, "Who is the current President of the APWA KC Metro Chapter?" The NPWW Committee slipped that one in to see if I was paying attention.

**JCCC Public Works Advisory Board** – On May 23 several members from our chapter participated on a Public Works Advisory Board hosted by Johnson County Community College (JCCC). They are seeking participants from public works, municipalities, vendors, and industry consultants to provide them with vital input and insight to future training programs specific to our industry.

<u>Cooks for Kids</u> – On the afternoon of May 31 the Community Services Committee cooked for the children and family members staying at the Ronald McDonald Houses near the Children's Mercy Hospital campus downtown. Thank you to Jack Renfro, Committee Chair, and those of you who participated in this amazing community outreach event!

**15<sup>th</sup> Annual BBQ Challenge and Membership Drive** – I believe we had seventeen (17) BBQ teams this year, our most ever. Way to go Brian Ladd and the Membership BBQ Committee! You all did a GREAT job, and I'm not just saying that because a certain company I work for won Grand Champion.

<u>Committee Members Needed</u> – At each of our events this year, I've been encouraging those of you who want to get more involved with our chapter to find a committee that interests you and join. A list of our committees can be found on our website here: <u>http://kcmetro.apwa.net/PageDetails/488</u>. Many of them could use new members, so if interested, please contact me (email: <u>DLBrown@walterpmoore.com</u>; direct: 816 -701-2109) and I'll be happy to get you connected.

**Emerging Leaders Academy: Application Deadline is August 2** – The deadline for submitting applications for the Emerging Leaders Academy's 2019-20 class is August 2. I encourage any individual members who have been working in the field of public works or performing public works-related functions for <u>no more than 10 years</u> or have been working for longer than 10 years, but have been promoted into their <u>first supervisory</u> role within the past three years to apply. This is a great program. For more information visit: <u>https://www.apwa.net/MyApwa/Apwa\_Public/Education and Events/ELA\_How to Apply.aspx</u>



By Dan Brown

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<u>KC Metro Chapter Receives the PACE Award</u> – On July 8 I was notified by APWA National that the KC Metro Chapter has been selected as a recipient of the Presidential Award of Chapter Excellence (PACE) for the 23<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year, the most by any chapter. The award will be presented at the APWA Awards Recognition Ceremony held in conjunction with the APWA Public Works Expo (PWX) in Seattle, Washington on Monday, September 9. I want to thank Becky Bonebrake, JD Reitinger and Jason Meyers for their efforts in completing the award submittal. Also, thank you to all of our committees for their efforts and playing a huge role in continuing to win this award!

<u>**3**<sup>rd</sup> Annual YP Mini Golf Tournament</u> – The Young Professionals Committee hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mini Golf Tournament at Parkville Mini Golf on Thursday July 11, followed by pizza at Stone Canyon. We had great weather, a great turnout and a great time. Thank you to Leslie Donnelly, Justin Likes and the rest of the YP Committee for organizing a great event!

<u>National Committee Appointments</u> – Our Chapter continues to have members appointed to national committees. Congratulations to the following appointees:

- Nick Voss with wsp *Public Works Project of the Year Committee*
- John Cooper with GBA *Utilities and Public Right-of-Way Committee*
- Dennis Randolph with the City of Grandview *Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*
- Alysen Abel with the City of Parkville Small Cities / Rural Communities Committee
- Mark Stinson with the City of Lee's Summit *Fleet Services Committee*



<u>Strategic Planning Update</u> – As a reminder, one of my initiatives for this year was to update our current Strategic Plan for the Chapter. Our Strategic Plan Leadership Team is now formed. I'd like to thank the following people for their willingness to join the team and help me lead this effort:

- Heather Bray with the City of Kansas City, Missouri
- Kati Horner Gonzalez with the City of Independence, Missouri
- Dena Mezger with the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri
- Trey Whitaker with the City of Edgerton, Kansas
- Jose Leon Jr.
- Tim Ross with GBA

Tammy Bennett and Brad Patterson from APWA National will facilitate the process for us. Our first meeting is scheduled for July 24. Our next meeting, date to be determined, will include all Executive Committee members and Committee Chairs. **In the meantime, we need your input**. As we begin the process it's very important that we gather as much input from our members as possible. Please email me (<u>DLBrown@walterpmoore.com</u>) with responses to the following questions centered on APWA National's four Strategic Goals:

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- <u>Value</u> How can the KC Metro Chapter better define the value of public works and enhance its visibility / awareness?
- <u>Voice</u> How can the KC Metro Chapter do a better job of being the voice of public works to government leaders and media?
- <u>Education & Credentialing</u> *How can the KC Metro Chapter ensure excellence in education and credentialing?*
- <u>Membership</u> How can the KC Metro Chapter create a dynamic membership model?

**<u>2019-20 Budget Approved</u>** – At the end of June our Executive Committee approved the 2019-20 budget prepared by Alysen Abel. Thank you Alysen for your efforts in collecting this information from all of the committees and presenting to the Executive Committee.

**Thank you Chuck Williams and Congratulations Joe Johnson** – Congratulations to the KC Metro Chapter's own Joe Johnson with Burns & McDonnell for being elected to the National Board as Director, Region VI. Joe will succeed Chuck Williams whose term is expiring in September at the PWX in Seattle. Thank you Chuck for your many years of service to Region VI, the KC Metro Chapter and years before in the Kansas Chapter!

Enjoy the rest of your summer and any upcoming vacations you have planned. Thank you all for your continued involvement and efforts in making the KC Metro Chapter outstanding!

# **Delegate Details**

# By Bill Stogsdill

I would like to start with a big congratulations to Joe Johnson, our new Region VI Director. Joe's nomination was affirmed by vote last month. Joe will be taking over for Chuck Williams who has reached his term limit on the Board. Congratulations Joe!

#### PWX

We are only a couple of months away from heading to the Pacific Northwest, and Seattle for PWX. Are you going to be able to make it this year? I'm sure Seattle will put on a first-rate conference (not as good as KC though) and our chapter will be well represented. This years Chapter Dinner at PWX will be held at Salty's on

Alki Beach. Chapter Vice President Shawn Graff has put together a great event and will have information on how to register out soon so pay attention to the blast emails.

In addition to the great educational Sessions some of the other great extracurricular events that you can take advantage of at PWX are:

- Walking Microbrewery Tour in Ballard September 7, 4pm 8pm
- <u>5K Fun Run & Walk</u> September 10, 7am. *In order to participate in the 5K, you must already be registered for PWX. Please have your confirmation number handy.*
- Mariners Game vs Cincinnati Reds September 11, 7:10pm
- <u>3 on 3 Basketball Tourney</u> September 11, 2:00pm 3:30pm
- Golf Tournament September 7, 9am here's the link to the links!



# **Delegate Details**

Details about the events can be found at this website <u>http://www.cvent.com/events/pwx-sporting-events/</u> event-summary-fafcb612875e434c885a5d3da50f7313.aspx

Please contact Josh Mattson, <u>mattsonj@ci.ellensburg.wa.us</u> with any questions. *There is an additional fee for these events.* 

#### **National Board**

At the National Board of Directors summer meeting in early June the following items of note were affirmed/ approved:

- Approved the FY 2020 Budget of \$12,566,000.
- Approved entering into a lease for a new office location for the Washington DC office.
- Approved Association Reserves and Investment Policies. The Reserve Policy was amended based on a recommendation of DiMeo our new Financial Advisor. The new policy increases our reserves from 35% to 50% or \$6,196,000 which is an increase of about \$1.9 million. The FY 2020 budget fully funds the reserves based on the new policy.
- Based on the recommendation of the Top Ten Awards Committee the Board approved requiring APWA Membership as a criteria to receive the award. In the past nominees were not required to be APWA members.

#### **Emerging Leaders Academy**

Applications for ELA Class XIII (2019-2020) are currently available. Applications are due no later than Friday, August 2, 2019. Interested individuals can be referred to www.apwa.net/emergingleaders for application materials or additional information.

For questions about ELA or for more information, contact ela@apwa.net.

#### **Upcoming National Conferences:**

- PWX 2019, September 8-11, Seattle, Washington
- 2020 NORTH AMERICAN SNOW CONFERENCE, April 19-22, Cleveland, Ohio
- PWX 2020, August 30-September 2, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 2021 NORTH AMERICAN SNOW CONFERENCE, April 11-14, Grand Rapids, Michigan
- PWX 2021, August 29-September 1, St. Louis, Missouri
- 2022 NORTH AMERICAN SNOW CONFERENCE, April 10-13, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- PWX 2022, August 28-31, Charlotte, North Carolina
- 2023 NORTH AMERICAN SNOW CONFERENCE, April 16-19, Omaha, Nebraska

And if you have any other APWA questions please contact Joe Johnson or myself and if we are not able to answer the question we will find the right people that can.

# A Speech by National APWA Young Leader of the Year for 2019 By Kati Horner Gonzalez

I just want to say how honored I am to accept this award. I follow a long line of great leaders locally and nationally and I am honored to be included with those names. The Kansas City Chapter has set a high standard nationwide, and receiving this award is truly a reflection of the culture of our local chapter. I first joined APWA as a freshly-minted 20-year-old because I wanted scholarships and I quickly got sucked into the family that is APWA. People were welcoming and very eager to have me involved in their various committees and initiatives (I probably should have taken that as a warning sign, huh).



In that welcoming experience, I found a handful of fantastic mentors. I don't know why they chose me as a mentee, but they did – and it transformed the projection of my career and is the reason I am here today. And to those individuals I am deeply and forever grateful.

As you all are painfully aware, Public Works is such a wonderful and fulfilling career. I love the work we do; I love the challenges that we face (usually); I love the diversity of our work and all the different groups of people we get to work with. Full disclosure though - I did NOT love this winter. Since they surrendered the mic ...I want to break out my soapbox for a minute here, and impart my one decade of wisdom upon everyone.

For the students, YPs, and people who got roped into coming because you are a sucker for a free lunch - I encourage you to get involved with the APWA organization. And I don't mean to "join" APWA, I truly mean getting involved. There are so many great committees full of great people. The value isn't just in the capacity you serve in, but also the connections you make and the immeasurable impact they have on you and your career. The knowledge they can share, the stories they can tell, and the friendships that you make are what make this organization so fantastic.

You can get involved in the MoKan committee which is an excellent resource for operations & maintenance throughout the area. We have the Roadeo competition and training exposition which is another great opportunity. There is the UPROW committee for all of ya'lls who oversee right of way activities – it will change. your. life; even if just as a "small cell support group". There are tons of technical committees for all you know-it-alls out there. There are too many to list them all, but I'll just say that if you are a real nerd about something...anything!...we have a home for you. And we have a bunch of non-technical committees for those of us who want to share the good word about public works and/or have an impact on our communities outside of our day-to-day work, or plan amazing events like this one today.

# A Speech by National APWA Young Leader of the Year for 2019 cont. from page 5

And I would be remiss not to mention the Young Professionals committee where our goal is to create a fun, easy way for people to get involved and make connections. Thanks to those of you that came and did just that at our mini-golf tournament which was July 11 at Parkville Mini-Golf.

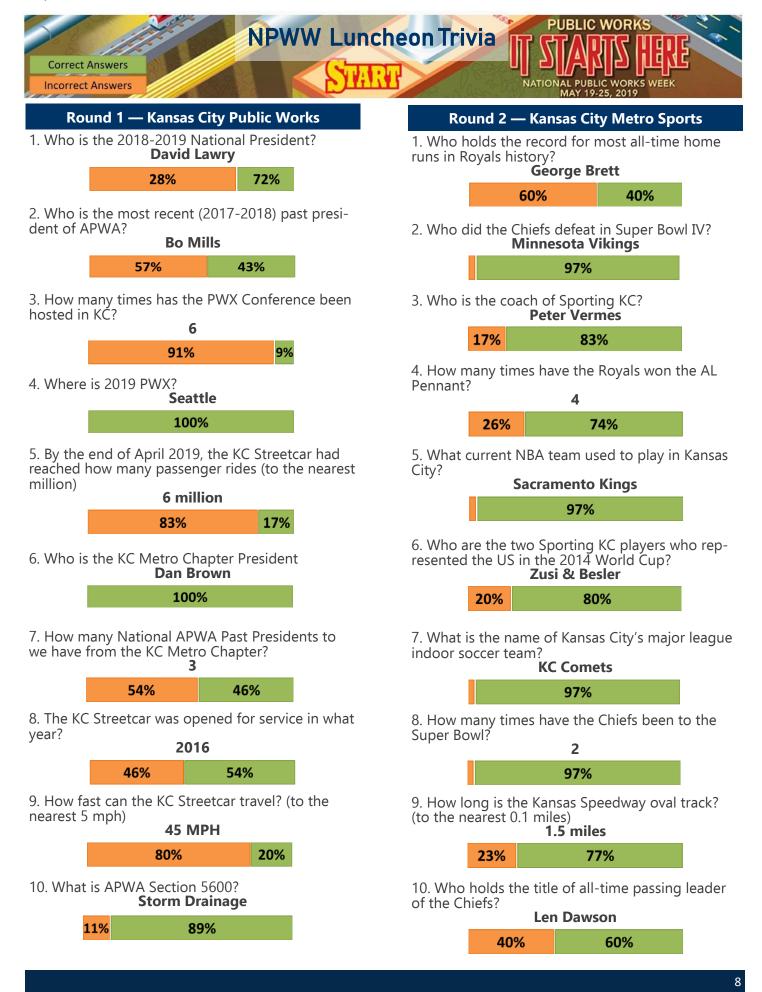
"But Kati" you say, "I don't know anyone on those committees and I am nervous!" well now you can contact me, any of our fearless leaders on the board, or anyone on the YP committee and we can help you make some connections...

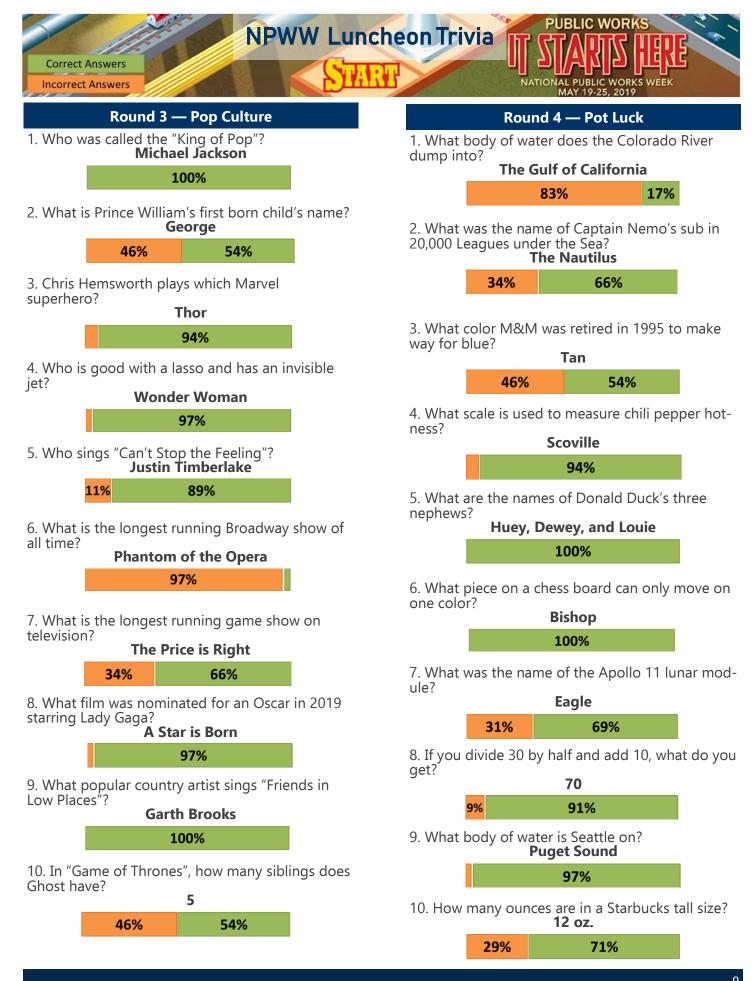
But this is where I transition away from talking to the new faces in the crowd...and really speak to our frequent flyers:

I encourage you to not just make sure you say hey to your friends (which you should totally do) – but take a look around you, find someone who you don't know, and introduce yourself. Maybe look for that "I don't know anyone so I'm going to bury my face in my phone and look busy" look.

Every one of us got roped into this organization because someone went out of their way to get us involved, make us feel welcome, and took an interest in our success. The KCMetro chapter is a family, it's up to us to make sure that people are not nervous about getting involved and to prove just how great of a family we are. Ok, I will step down from my soapbox, but I just want to reiterate – say hello, make connections, get involved, and thank you. Thank you to my peers, my colleagues, my mentors, to those of you who have taken a chance on me - and most of all – my family. Thank you for believing in me and supporting me and putting up with me. Thank you so much to those who have made our organization what it is today and for laying the foundation to make this achievement possible.

"I am so very honored to be this year's Myron Calkins Young Leader of the Year, so I humbly say thank you."





# **Recent Events**

#### **National Public Works Week Luncheon Awards**







Kati Horner-Gonzalez receiving the Myron Calkins Young Leader of the Year Award.

Scott Wolters, Zachary Jarchow, Lauren Garwood, and JD Retinger receiving the Public Works Project of the Year [Environmental Projects under \$5 million] for the 89th Ter. & Outlook Dr. to Reeds Rd Stormwater Improvements Project in the City of Overland Park.

Sherri McIntyre receiving the Public Works Leader of the Year Award.



John Stoltz, Jeff Dexter, Sabin Yanez, Dillard Meins and Kelly Wray receiving the Public Works Project of the Year [Small Cities/Rural Communities Transportation Projects less than \$5 million] for the School Road Project Phase 3 in the City of Peculiar.



James Burgess, Ed Andres, and Anne Schroer receiving the Public Works Project of the Year [\$5 million to \$25 million] for the US-50 @ MO-291 Divergabout Interchange in Lee's Summit

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### New Member Welcome Lunch June 19

Beginning in 2019, new members are paired with a member of the Executive Committee in a new program called Public Works Peers. Suggestions on committees to join, events happening and projects being worked on were all discussed during the recent luncheon at Tavern at Mission Farms. Peers will be the point of contact for these new members if they questions about APWA. Welcome to these new members who joined in March!



Pictured above from left to right: Cindy DeShazo (City of Lee's Summit), Heidi Thummel (GBA), Jon Haley (City of Lee's Summit), Sara Wasinger (City of Lee's Summit), Dan McGhee (Lamp Rynearson) and Logan Bannister (Kiewit).

#### KC Metro Young Professionals 3rd Annual Mini Golf Tournament — July 11

Over 30 of Kansas City's Young Professionals came out to participate in the 3rd Annual Mini Golf Tournament. Although all had fun, congratulations go to the winners of the night:

Best Golfer: Ben Will
Worst Golfer: Becky Bonebrake



# **Upcoming Events**

# July Chapter Luncheon July 24, 2019

Thompson Barn 11184 Lackman Road Lenexa, KS 66219 APWA partner, the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure, has updated ENV SP Recertification requirements and upgraded their Envision sustainability rating system. Anne Schroer, GBA, and JC Alonzo, Shockey Consulting, will provide a brief overview presentation of the newest version of the ISI Envision system. Version 3 includes an enhanced layout, former credit updates, additional credits, and a new Verification path. The speakers will also touch on the recertification requirements for ENV SPs, which must be completed by year-end. The presentation will count as an elected course for ENV SP certification.

Click here for more information and to register.

# PWX: KC Metro Chapter Dinner in Seattle Tuesday, September 10

Salty's on Alki Beach

The Kansas City Metro Chapter Dinner at 2019 PWX in Seattle will be on Tuesday September 10th at Salty's on Alki Beach. A short water taxi ride across Elliot Bay will take you to Alki Beach with a view of downtown Seattle.

#### **PWX Seattle 2019**

Haven't Registered yet? Click <u>here</u> for more information and to register for the conference.

# 38th Annual APWA Golf Tournament September 25, 2019

St. Andrews Golf Club 11099 W 135th St. Overland Park, KS 66221

Registration is now open for the APWA KC Metro Chapter 38th Annual Golf Tournament. Sponsorships opportunities are available. Visit <u>http://kcmetro.apwa.net/</u> <u>EventDetails/18381</u> for more details and to sign up now!

## APWA Mid Am Expo: Save the Date May 20-22, 2020

Overland Park Convention Center Overland Park, KS







**Chapter Leadership** 

#### **APWA 2019 COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Audit & Budget - Alysen Abel Awards - JD Retinger By-Laws - Jason Meyers Chapter Meetings - Joe Burgett Communications and Publicity - Allison Bruner Community Service - Jack Renfro Diversity - Abdul Yahaya Education & Training - Josh Hartman & Zach Matteo Emergency Management & Homeland Security (PET) -Scott Ward Engineering & Technology - Michael Haake Facilities & Grounds - Kristian Krc Fleet Services - Mark Stinson Golf Tournament - Tawn Nugent Governmental Affairs - Joab Ortiz Historical - Ernie Longoria Holiday Party - Brandon Kuehl K-12 Student Outreach - David Smalling Leadership & Management - Vacant Position Membership - Scott Cogan Membership BBQ & Steak Fry - Brian Ladd MidAmX - Patty Hilderbrand MO-KAN Street Superintendents - Bill Billings Myron D. Calkins Scholarship - Phil Herrman Myron Calkins Symposium - Jason Meyers National Public Works Week - Heather Bray Snow & Equipment Training Expo - Trey Whitaker Standards & Specifications - Dena Mezger Student Chapter - Aaron Castro & Tim Cope Sustainable Infrastructure - JC Alonzo & Anne Schroer Transportation - Jaclyn White and Linda Rottinghaus Utility & Public Right-of-Way - Jeffrey Mains Water Resources Management - Andrew Smith Webmaster - Tiffany Cartwright Young Professionals - Leslie Donnelly

*For contact information, visit: <u>http://kcmetro.apwa.net</u>* 

#### Appointments, Liaisons, Coordinators, and Task Forces

ACEC-APWA Liaison - Howard Lubliner Asset Management Task Force—Steve Roth & Chris Harker Calendar/Events Coordinator - Dan Brown MCIB/KCMMB - Todd LaTorella Public Works Institute - Larry Frevert Solid Waste Management - Lisa McDaniel

#### KC APWA 2019 OFFICERS

President - Dan Brown Vice President - Shawn Graff Secretary - Alysen Abel Treasurer - Kyle Dieckmann Past President - Jason Meyers Director (2<sup>nd</sup> Year) - Ben Will Director (2<sup>nd</sup> Year) - Becky Bonebrake Director (1<sup>st</sup> Year) - Heidi Thummel Director (1<sup>st</sup> Year) - Heidi Thummel Director (1<sup>st</sup> Year) - Nick Arena Director-At-Large - Bill Billings Delegate - Joe Johnson Alternate Delegate - Bill Stogsdill



# **New Members**

Robert Cole, City of Olathe

Colby Crowl, Kissick Construction Company

Ian Deggendorf, TranSystems

Anthony Golec, City of Olathe

Anthony Hohman, TranSystems

Lloyd Kissick, Kissick Construction Company

Eric Mann, Emery Sapp & Sons

Michael Schaller, City of Lenexa

James Roberts, City of Olathe

Bridgette Williams, Heavy Constructors

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- The Newsletter/Communications Committee may use the chapter's electronic mailing list for announcements to KC Metro Chapter members when the topic is related to an APWA activity or event. However, an announcement will not be sent before the Chapter event has been posted on the KC Metro Chapter website.

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